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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PAKISTAN OF SENATE/HOUSE AIDES

1. MFA (DIRECTOR FOR US NAIM) INFORMED US TODAY THAT SIX SENATE/HOUSE STAFFERS ARE TENTATIVELY PROGRAMMED TO VISIT PAKISTAN LATER THIS MONTH. GROUP IS NOW EXPECTED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON PK 712 OCTOBER 11 AND WILL BEGIN ITS EIGHT DAY PAKISTAN VISIT IN KARACHI MONDAY, OCTOBER 13. GROUP IS BEING SPONSORED BY PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND PIA IS PROVIDING TICKETS. MFA IS WORKING UP IN-COUNTRY SCHEDULE AND NAIM EXPECTS TO MEET THE PARTY IN KARACHI AND TO ACT AS ITS ESCORT OFFICER.

2. ACCORDING TO NAIM, THE SIX WILL BE DRAWN FROM AMONY FOLLOWING:

SCOTT COHEN (SENATOR PERCY);

ROBERT LOCKLIN (SENATOR SPARKMAN);

PETER LAKELAND (SENATOR JAVITS);

GERALD BRADY (SENATOR CHURCH)

JOHN HOLUM (SENATOR MCGOVERN);

CHARLES FERRIS (SENATOR MANSFIELD);

THOMAS WAGNER (SENATOR STEVENSON);

DAVID RAYMOND (SENATOR SYMINGTON);

CHARLES HORNER (SENATOR JACKSON);

DAYLE HENNINGTON (CONGRESSMAN POAGE).

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3. AS TENTATIVELY SHCEDULED, PROGRAM WORKS OUT AS FOLLOWS:

KARACHI - OCTOBER 13/14

QUETTA - OCTOBER 15

LAHORE - OCTOBER 16/17

ISLAMABAD - OCTOBER 18/19

PEASHAWAR - OCTOBER 20

MFA HAS UNDERTAKEN TO INFORM US OF FINAL PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS THESE ARE DETERMINED.

4. DESPITE ITS OSTENSIBLY UNOFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP, STAFFERS' VISIT IS CLEARLY A GOP PRODUCTION (MFA TELLS US IT IS AMBASSADOR YAQUB'S IDEA), AND GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE GOIN ALL OUT TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. PROGRAM ITSELF IS A VERY IMPRESSIVE ONE AND INCLUDES CALLS BY GROUP ON GALAXY OF FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS AND OFFICIALS HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: NEA/PAB MAY WISH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE GROUP TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BRIEFINGS BEFORE ITS DEPARTURE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE VISIT YOU MAY HAVE.

6. FOR CONSULATES: WE WOULD HOPE THAT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY COULD BE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO TOUCH BASE WITH GROUP. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH WITH MFA ABOUT THIS AS PROGRAM IS FINALIZED AND WILL REPORT BACK TO YOU.
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